



Office of Children and Family Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

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Commissioner

October 16, 2020

Dear Child Care Provider:

The Governor's recent Executive Order, EO 202.68, required the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to determine areas in the State that require enhanced public health restrictions based upon cluster-based cases of COVID-19 at a level that compromises the State's containment of the virus, and imposed restrictions on certain activities in these zones based on severity. In the most severe ("red") and moderate ("orange") zones, all schools have been closed for in-person instruction.

Your child care program has been identified as a legally-exempt group child care program located in a school that has been closed pursuant to EO 202.68. As such, your program is no longer an eligible provider as defined in 18 NYCRR 415.1, and therefore must cease operations.

As the school closure is expected to be temporary in nature, OCFS is not terminating your program's enrollment as a legally-exempt child care provider, but rather placing your child care program in an inactive, non-payable status until the school your program is associated with is no longer closed pursuant to EO 202.68.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Molnar".

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.,
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services